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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION Of: ) Group Art Unit: 1638  
Rohde, et al. ) Examiner: Anne R. Kubelik  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/700,349 )  
Filed: March 16, 2001 )  
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PLANTS )  
HAVING AN INCREASED TOLERANCE )  
AGAINST DROUGHT AND/OR FUNGAL )  
ATTACK AND/OR INCREASED SALT )  
CONCENTRATIONS AND/OR EXTREME )  
TEMPERATURE BY THE EXPRESSION OF )  
PLASMODESMATA-LOCALIZED )  
PROTEINS )

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, in the above-identified case, please amend the subject application as requested below. The listing of claims found below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.